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1. The corn yield for Moldavia and Bucovina during 1946 averaged zero to ten kilograms per hectare compared to the average corn yield of 11,000 kilograms per hectare in 1939. The wheat yield for the same region was 80 to 100 kilograms per hectare, and in some areas as low as from zero to 20 kilograms. The average wheat yield for 1939 was 1,330 kilograms per hectare.

The potato harvest did not exceed fifty percent of normal at any time during the year. The sunflower, bean and vegetable harvests were totally inadequate.

The poor harvest was caused principally by the fact that not more than five percent of the available land could be placed under cultivation because of the removal of so much farm machinery, seed and fuel by the Russians. There was also a shortage of fodder for draft animals and the extreme droughts of last summer contributed to the lack of an adequate harvest. It is estimated that 200,000 carloads of grain would be necessary to alleviate the starvation diet of the Rumanian people and 100,000 carloads of seed would be needed to plant sufficient crops for next year.

2. Current black market prices are reported to be as follows:

Corn, per kilogram 14,000 lei
Cornmeal, per kilogram 18,000 lei

3. Some 38,000 cases of typhus were reported in Moldavia which has a population of three millions.

In some areas of Rumania, infant mortality has reached a figure as high as 80 percent.

There are 1,364 physicians for the rural population of 13,000,000 Rumanians. This figure was compiled by Doctors L. Alexa, C. Angelescu and I. Polovraceanu and A. Stefanescu in Bucharest during 1946.

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